

## EDUCATION (IRELAND).

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### <sup>1</sup> ANNUAL REPORT of the COMMISSIONERS of EDUCATION in *Ireland*, for the Year 1873-74.

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TO HIS GRACE JAMES, DUKE OF ABERCORN, K.G.,  
LORD LIEUTENANT GENERAL AND GENERAL GOVERNOR  
OF IRELAND, &c. &c. &c.

WE, "the Commissioners of Education in Ireland," constituted by Acts of Parliament passed in the reigns of their late Majesties King George the Third and King George the Fourth, and in obedience thereto respectfully submit to your Grace a general Report of their Proceedings since that of last year.

The fact that our Annual Reports are characterised by a great degree of sameness and generality has been frequently brought under the notice of the Executive Government of the day, and by us attributed to the insufficiency of the powers conferred on this Commission, and upon more than one occasion, but especially in our Report for the year 1869-70, to which we beg respectfully to refer your Grace, we called special attention to this important circumstance, and, at the same time, urgently pressed certain suggestions, which, if adopted, would, in our opinion, by improving and enlarging our powers, enable us to discharge our duties in a manner much more advantageous to the public.

In our Annual Reports for the years 1870-71, and for 1871-72, we again specially referred to the same subject, but we regret to state that as yet our often-repeated suggestions have been wholly unproductive of any result, and matters have been permitted to remain in the same unsatisfactory condition as heretofore.

As regards the Armagh Royal School, we beg to report that the construction of the new Class-rooms, and of the other extensive works referred to in our last Report, have been fully completed under the care of our architects; and we have the satisfaction to state that the attendance of pupils at this School has, since the appointment of its present Master, become much larger than on any former occasion.

In reference to Banagher Royal School, the Mastership of which, as stated in our last Report, had become vacant by the resignation of his office by the late Master, we beg to report that a new Master having been recently appointed by the Government, the School premises have been handed over to him, and the School is now in operation.

The state of the Cavan Royal School does not present any change calling for special notice to your Grace.

The periodical Returns made to us by the Masters of the Dungannon and Enniskillen Royal Schools do not exhibit any material variation in the numbers of pupils in attendance at them respectively.

At the Raphoe Royal School we have been induced by the very urgent and repeated requests of the Master to erect a detached infirmary, which, it is reported by the Architect, will in a very short time be completed, and ready to receive any of the pupils whom it may be thought necessary, in consequence of illness, to remove from the main building; and we are glad to be able to report that this School, notwithstanding its somewhat unfavourable locality, continues to maintain its position in public estimation; and that the Examiner who lately examined the pupils, and adjudicated the School prizes annually given by us, reports very favourably as to the answering of the pupils, and also as to the exertions and management of the Head Master.

In reference to the Royal Schools generally, we beg to state that our attention having been called to the fees charged to the daily pupils, we submitted to the Schoolmasters a modified and reduced scale of charges for different courses of instruction, which it appeared to us would be more suitable to the requirements of the parents, and we are happy to state that the respective Masters at once unanimously agreed to adopt our suggestions.

The management (with the assistance of our local land agents) of the Estates which constitute the Endowments of the Royal Schools necessarily engages much of our time, and we are enabled to report that these Estates are generally in a satisfactory condition, and the tenantry on them well-conducted. And we have further to state that the primary Schools, which in some cases we have established for the children of the tenants, are very largely taken advantage of.

On the Dungannon School Estate, we have, on the strong recommendation of our agent, built a habitation for the bailiff, on an appropriate site.

The case of the Royal School Exhibitioners in Trinity College, selected by us as the result of a strictly competitive examination in a very extended classical, scientific, and English course, but without any religious test, and who, after election, can only continue to hold their exhibitions by obtaining, in every year of their University course, a certain number of honours, prescribed by us, has been so frequently brought specially under public notice, that we do not feel called upon to do more than thus generally to refer to it, and to submit the following list of the names of those now holding Royal Exhibitions, and the amounts payable to each respectively. And we beg to attach to this Report a copy of our most recent Rules, specifying the course of examination for obtaining, and for the continuous holding, of these Exhibitions.

On the Armagh Royal School Foundation.

£.		£.	
J. W. King	- - 50 per annum.	P. G. Sandford	- 50 per annum.

On the Cavan Royal School Foundation.

£.	
J. Woodroffe	- - - 20 per annum.

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## On the Dungannon Royal School Foundation.

£.		£.	
T. Hamilton	- 50 per annum.	E. W. Hobson	- 30 per annum.
J. F. Williamson	- 50 "	W. Beatty	- 50 "
H. D. Bell	- 40 "	W. Irwin	- 30 "
R. Elliott	- 10 "	R. Manders	- 50 "
A. Samuels	- 50 "	A. Williamson	- 30 "

## On the Enniskillen Royal School Foundation.

£.		£.	
G. A. Leech	- 50 per annum.	R. McDowell	- 30 per annum.
E. F. Hopkins	- 30 "	W. T. Lendrum	- 50 "
R. Galbraith	- 50 "	J. McDowell	- 30 "
R. Cramsie	- 30 "	H. Beatty	- 50 "
L. C. Purser	- 50 "	L. W. Rutledge	- 30 "

We further beg to report to your Grace that the school-houses and premises generally have been by us kept in good and substantial repair, under the superintendence of our architect, and are reported to be in a satisfactory condition.

At Enniskillen, we have recently concluded an arrangement with the Town Commissioners for a constant supply to the Portora School-house of pure water, instead of that hitherto obtained from Lough Erne.

Of the Schools of private foundation connected with this Board, that situated at Middleton, in the County of Cork, continues to hold the highest position in public opinion, as is testified by the number of pupils availing themselves of it, and also, by the Reports of the Local Governors and Visitors.

The Masterships of the Endowed Schools of Navan and of Clonmel, both of which are of private foundation, having, since our last Report, become vacant, the Patrons, in each case, have appointed new Masters, who have taken possession of their offices; and, from statements made to us, we are led to entertain a hope that, under a new and more energetic management, these endowments may attain to a more successful position than they have hitherto held.

The Endowed School of Tullyvin, also one of private endowment, and to which the local Patrons devote much attention, is reported to us to be of very great and increasing value to the humbler classes for whose benefit it was founded.

All which we beg most respectfully to submit to your Grace as our Report.

(signed)	JAMES WHITESIDE, Chief Justice.	(L. S.)
	H. LLOYD, Provost of Trinity College.	(L. S.)
	J. D. FITZGERALD.	(L. S.)
	SAMUEL MEATH.	(L. S.)
	WILLIAM BROOKE.	(L. S.)
	WILLIAM B. KIRKPATRICK, D.D.	(L. S.)

26 June 1874.

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Secretary.

## ROYAL SCHOLARSHIPS.

REGULATIONS of "The Commissioners of Education in Ireland," for 1874.

"THE Commissioners of Education in Ireland" have founded 30 Exhibitions, called "Royal Scholarships," for students who shall enter Trinity College from the Royal Schools of Armagh, Dungannon, Enniskillen, or Cavan, viz., five scholarships of 50*l.* per annum each for Armagh School; five of 50*l.* per annum, and five of 30*l.* per annum for each of the Schools of Dungannon and Enniskillen; and five of 25*l.* per annum for Cavan School.

These Scholarships can be obtained by such students only as have been three years in all, previously to their entrance into Trinity College, pupils in some one or other of the Royal Schools. It is not, however, hereby intended to prevent pupils from moving from one of these schools to another; but the Scholarships founded for the respective Schools of Armagh, Dungannon, Enniskillen, and Cavan, can be obtained only by students who have entered the University from the schools for which such Scholarships have been founded.

The Scholarships are tenable for five years, subject to certain conditions hereafter mentioned.

The Provost and Senior Fellows appoint Examiners in each year, to examine, on the first convenient day after the second entrance, in the month of October, such students as have entered from the said four Royal Schools, and shall offer themselves as candidates for these Scholarships.

In 1873 the examinations will be in the following subjects:—

I.—Greek and Latin Classics (200 marks).

1. Two Greek and two Latin authors included in the ordinary entrance course of Trinity College, together with one Greek and one Latin author not so included, to be examined *visà voce*. The books appointed for the year 1873 are:  
Homer's "*Iliad*," Books V., VI., and VII. Virgil's "*Æneid*," Books I., II., VI., VII. Euripides, "*Bacchæ*"; edited by Tyrrell.  
Tacitus, "*Annals*," Books I., II. Plato, "*Apologia Socratis*."  
Terence, "*Phormio*."
2. Passages from Greek and Latin authors, not named beforehand, for translation in writing.
3. Greek and Latin Prose Composition.
4. Paper of questions in Ancient History. [Books recommended—Dr. Smith's "*Grecian History*"; Liddell's smaller "*Roman History*."]

II.—English Language (100 marks).

1. Language and Literature.  
[Books recommended—Trench, "*English, Past and Present*." Abbott and Seeley, "*English Lessons for English People*." "*Student's Manual of English Literature*." Smith's "*Specimens of English Literature*."]

Candidates will be expected to be well acquainted with the following works, viz.—Milton's "*Paradise Lost*," Books III. and IV.; Milton's "*Comus*"; Shakspeare, "*Hamlet*" and "*As You Like it*."

2. English Composition.

3. History of England.—[Book recommended—Student's Hume.]

III.—Modern Languages (50 marks).

French or German.

IV.—Science (100 marks).

1. Arithmetic.
2. Algebra, to the end of Quadratic Equations.
3. Euclid, Books I., II., III., and VI.
4. Plane Trigonometry, including the solution of plane Triangles.
5. Geography, Descriptive and Physical.

*Note.*—The course of examination for Royal Scholarships will be varied, from time to time, by the Commissioners.

Candidates

Candidates may present themselves for examination in any of the four preceding courses, or in all of them. The result of the examination will be determined by the aggregate number of marks obtained by the several candidates; the numbers affixed to each course denoting the greatest number of marks obtainable in that course.

No fellow-commoner can be admitted as a candidate for a Royal Scholarship.

No pensioner shall be admitted as a candidate for a Royal Scholarship who shall not have remained at one of the Royal Schools to which the Scholarships are attached till an entrance examination in Trinity College, in the month of October next preceding the examination for Royal Scholarships.

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No student who shall have attained 20 years of age shall be permitted to become a candidate for a Royal Scholarship.

No student shall be elected a Royal Scholar unless he shall have, previously to the examination, produced to the Secretary of the Commissioners a certificate signed by the Master of the Royal School from which he shall have entered Trinity College, certifying that such candidate is duly qualified according to the above-stated rules, such certificate to be handed by the candidate to the Examiners.

The candidates from all the schools shall be examined together, and a return made to the Commissioners of their positive merit; and also an arrangement of the candidates according to their answering, without distinction of schools; the Commissioners reserving to themselves the power of suspending or diminishing one or more Scholarships, if sufficient merit has not been shown.

In cases of equality of merit, in all other respects, the poverty of a candidate will be taken into consideration. A student who has once been a candidate shall not be eligible on a subsequent occasion.

A Royal Scholarship becomes forfeited by the holder of it incurring any heavy collegiate censure, such as public admonition, or rustication; failing to proceed regularly with his class; or failing to obtain in any year either one honour of the first rank, or two honours of the second rank.

The election itself to one of these Scholarships is reckoned as equivalent to one honour of the second rank; a University Moderation, a University Scholarship, the Berkeley Gold Medal, the Lloyd Exhibition, the Wray Prize, success in the first Indian Civil Service (competitive) examination, or at the Woolwich entrance examination, as equivalent to a University honour of the first rank, and obtaining a readership, or success at any of the subsequent Indian Civil Service examinations as equivalent to a University honour of the second rank.

The exhibitions become due half-yearly, viz., on the 1st of May and on the 1st of November. Payments will be made in May to such students only as have obtained in the preceding part of that year at least one honour of the second rank. A half-yearly payment, held over in May, will be made in November, provided an honour has been obtained in the meantime; and payment for the entire year will be made in November to such students as had not qualified for the May half-year's payment, and shall have then fulfilled all the requisites for the entire year.

In cases where very distinguished merit has been shown during their undergraduate course by students holding minor Scholarships, and where Scholarships for the same school remain suspended, or have been forfeited, the Commissioners will, at the close of each year, receive memorials from such students for an increase of their stipend.

The names of the Royal Scholars are placed on the College books, immediately after the names of the University scholars, without, however, altering their degree of seniority amongst their class-fellows.

#### MIDDLETON SCHOOL.

"The Commissioners of Education in Ireland" will grant annually two prizes, one of 30*l.* and one of 20*l.*, to such junior freshmen as shall, subject to the rules prescribed for the Royal Schools, have entered Trinity College, Dublin, from Middleton School; and having been examined along with and in the same course as the candidates for the Royal Scholarships, shall be recommended by the examiners as deserving candidates.

(signed) *William Cotter Kyle, LL.D.,*  
Secretary to "The Commissioners of Education in Ireland."

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